

Traccia 2

READING

Leggi il brano e scegli l'affermazione corretta.

READ AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!

The fantasy and science fiction writer Terry Pratchett first published a story in his school magazine, at the age of 13. Later, he sold the story, which was about people trying to sell homes in hell, to a science fiction magazine for £14, with which he bought his first typewriter.

Terry says before you can write you need to read a lot. He hadn't read a real book until he was 10, when he read *The Wind in the Willows*. This book, which was full of strange, talking animals, like a toad who drove a car and escaped from prison dressed as a woman, was his first fantasy novel. "I found it charming and entertaining." Just a few years later he read *The Lord of the Rings* in 25 hours. By then he was mad for fantasy, and so decided to try writing.

Terry's mother was Irish and loved telling stories – a gift she passed on to her son. Although she pushed Terry to study hard, and he had read almost all the books in the library, he didn't do well at school. He decided to leave at 17 to become a journalist on a local newspaper, the perfect place where he could learn to be a writer. "I understood that it's very difficult to earn a salary by writing fantasy and science fiction, but working for a newspaper meant money every week. I went to the local paper to find out more, and they gave me the job! When I told my parents, they were pleased that I had found a workplace where I didn't get my hands dirty." There, he wrote stories for the children's page.

His advice to young writers is first of all, to read as much as possible, then he suggests keeping a diary to remember where you've been, and who you've met, and what you thought and felt. But, he also says, "Don't forget to make grammar, punctuation and spelling a part of your life."



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- a Terry sold his first story to the school magazine.
- b He wanted to sell his home in a sci-fi magazine.
- c He bought a typewriter after he sold his first story.

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- a Terry had read a lot of books before he read *The Wind in the Willows*.
- b He thought *The Wind in the Willows* was about driving and fashion.
- c He read *The Lord of the Rings* in 25 hours.

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- a Terry's mother wanted him to study more.
- b She wanted him to tell her stories.
- c She wanted him to read all the books in the library.

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- a Terry's parents thought it was difficult for him to be paid as a journalist.
- b Terry thought he could learn to write as a journalist.
- c Terry's parents didn't want him to dirty his hands.

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- a Terry suggests young writers keep a diary of the books they have read.
- b He advises people not to forget all their experiences, and how they felt.
- c He says not to worry about grammar, punctuation or spelling when you write.

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Scegli l'opzione corretta.

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| A <input type="checkbox"/> bites at night. | A wasp | B fly | C mosquito |
| When I was 4, we <input type="checkbox"/> sleep after lunch. | A have to | B had to | C did have to |
| A <input type="checkbox"/> gives us milk, meat and leather. | A cow | B beef | C sheep |
| Look at her platform heels. She is really <input type="checkbox"/> . | A designer | B fashionable | C vintage |
| It <input type="checkbox"/> rain tomorrow. | A want | B won't | C went |
| This feels too big. What <input type="checkbox"/> is it? | A measure | B label | C size |
| "Will you go to university?" " <input type="checkbox"/> . | A I hope so | B I hope yes | C I hope sure |
| My new <input type="checkbox"/> has big buttons' pockets and long sleeves. | A mini-skirt | B handbag | C coat |
| There was a long <input type="checkbox"/> to enter the shop. | A sale | B label | C queue |
| It's cold! I think <input type="checkbox"/> . | A it will snow | B it's going to snow | C it's snowing |
| There was a sale so I got a big <input type="checkbox"/> . | A discount | B bargain | C occasion |
| If I <input type="checkbox"/> this dress, I can go to the disco. | A buy | B will buy | C won't buy |
| I'm going to the Madonna concert <input type="checkbox"/> . | A the next week | B next week | C on next week |
| I feel <input type="checkbox"/> about the exam. I have to pass. | A frightened | B scared | C stressed |
| I have <input type="checkbox"/> visited London. | A never | B ever | C not even |
| Students <input type="checkbox"/> copy in tests don't learn. | A which | B who | C where |
| "Where's Danny?" " <input type="checkbox"/> to the bathroom." | A He'll go | B He's been | C He's gone |
| You should never <input type="checkbox"/> a promise. | A fail | B break | C lose |
| "When did you see that film?" " <input type="checkbox"/> yesterday." | A I've seen it | B I saw it | C I see it |
| " <input type="checkbox"/> my English exam!" "Well done!" | A I've passed | B I passed | C I'm passing |

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